REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 11, 2009 and to the Advisory Action mailed on April 22, 2009. An RCE is being filed along with this amendment. Claims 1-6, 10-18, 20-21, 23-35, 37-52, and 58-61 were pending in the Advisory Action and all claims were rejected. With the present response, claims 1-2, 5-6, 10-15, 17-18, 20-21, 23-24, 26, 28-31, 33, 37-42, 46-52, and 58-61 are amended, claims 16, 25, 27, 32, and 45 are canceled, and claims 68-75 are new. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully solicited in light of the following comments.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all of the claims as being unpatentable under 35 USC §103. This Amendment presents new limitations and combinations of limitations that have not been previously considered by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully contends that at least as amended that the claims are not disclosed by or obvious in view of the cited references. Applicant therefore respectfully contends that the claims are patentable.

All of the claim amendments and new claims are well supported throughout the application as originally filed. Exemplary support for the claims is listed below.

The claim 1 amendment is supported for example on pages 12-13 of the specification. The claim 2 amendment is supported for example on page 13 of the specification. The claim 17 amendment is supported for example on pages 12-13 of the specification. The claim 18 amendment is supported for example on page 13 of the specification. The claim 20 amendment is supported for example on page 16 of the specification. The claim 28 amendment is supported for example on page 13 of the specification. The claim 33 amendment is supported for example on pages 12-13 of the specification and by FIG. 1. The claim 39 amendment is supported for example on page 14 of the specification. The claim 41 amendment is supported for example on page 13 of the specification. The claim 46 amendment is supported for example on page 14 of the specification. The claim 58 amendment is supported for example on page 16 of the specification. The claim 59 amendment is supported for example by the former claim 60. The claim 60 amendment is supported for example on page 16 of the specification. New claim 68 is supported for example on pages 9-12 of the specification. New claim 69 is supported for example on page 10 of the specification. New claim 70 is supported for example on page 3 of the

specification. New claim 71 is supported for example on page 4 of the specification. New claims 72-73 are supported for example on page 10 of the specification. New claim 74 is supported for example on pages 10-11 of the specification, and new claim 75 is supported for example on pages 11-12 of the specification.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the remarks made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejection claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited. The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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